

**REMARKS**

The rejections of Claims 18-21, 24-29, 32, 33 and 35-40 as being anticipated by Evans et al under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and of Claims 22, 23, 30 and 31 as being unpatentable over Evans et al in view of Halimi et al under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

The Office Action states that the Evans et al system includes exhaust pipes 18 and 16 arranged to be feedable to the exhaust gas turbocharger selectively independently of each other via turbine 20. Applicants note, however, that Figs. 1 and 4 of the Evans et al patent show no connection whatsoever between exhaust manifold 18 and the turbine 20, wherein Fig. 2 shows such a connection but not an independent one given the connection of the exhaust manifolds 16 and 18 upstream of the turbine 20. Finally, Fig. 3 shows a two turbocharger arrangement with the exhaust manifolds 16 and 18 each connected independently of each other but to different turbines 20 and 54, respectively.

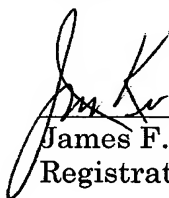
Thus, neither the subject matter of Claims 18 and 27 and the claims dependent thereupon are anticipated by or rendered obvious over the Evans et al system with or without the use of the teachings of Halimi et al, which use appears to be based on impermissible hindsight given what has been said about Evans et al's teachings. Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.57193US).

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